

From: Environment Canterbury
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To: Have your Say
Subject: Submission on draft Annual Plan 2022/23

Anonymous User just submitted 'Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 submission' with the responses below.

First name

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Last name

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Email address

Suburb

Mairehau, Christchurch

Phone number

Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?

No, I'm submitting as an individual

Which age category are you in?

40-64 years old

Do you wish to speak to your submission at a Council hearing?

No

Which bus fare structure option would you like to see trialled?

Option 1 (preferred): Fare-free for under 25s, students, Total Mobility and Community Services card holders

Tell us more about why you support the selected bus fare option.

It is great to see ECan looking into promoting our public transport option. Of the three options I support option 1 and feel this is a great example of a climate justice approach to the climate crisis - it will encourage selected residents to use buses as opposed to private vehicles which will reduce emissions as well as decreasing transport costs for those who need support. Ideally I would prefer a fourth option which would provide free public transport for all - please see details below.

Any other comments on bus fares?

It would be great to have a fourth option of free fares for all, to encourage all residents to use public transport in order to reduce our emissions further, as is needed to meet national targets. If we really want people to shift from public transport there need to be several major changes. I also think we need to make improvements to working and pay conditions of bus drivers, increase services to reduce wait times for buses, and in particular improvements of buses to the low income areas of our city (eastern suburbs), as well as an after midnight bus service such as those that other cities in Aotearoa provide.

Is borrowing and repaying through general rates the right approach for this regionally significant event?

Don't know

Which option for distribution of rates in Ashburton River rating district do you support?

Option 1 (preferred): Redistribute rates in the Ashburton River rating district.

Would you support a levy to accelerate action in response to climate change?

Yes

What current or future projects or activities would you like to see funded by such a levy?

No Answer

Any other comments on future funding for responding to climate change?

It is great that ECan is looking ahead to adaptation required for climate change. In general I support a levy but I am concerned about the inequitable impact a levy will have on our more vulnerable. For those living in poverty, of which there are many in our city, combined with increasing costs of living for food and rent, I feel the levy will have affect the lives of those on low incomes much more than high incomes. If a climate levy is introduced across all residents then I think it is even more important that this fund is used to support the most vulnerable, such as the continuation of Option 1 bus fares

Any other comments on Environment Canterbury's draft Annual Plan or other matters?

I fully support the propped increase and commend ECan for making these decisions that place the climate crisis at the forefront of the draft annual plan

Where did you hear about the consultation?

Social media (Facebook, Instagram)
